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To the Chairman and Members of the
Kempston Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report upon the health, vital statistics and sanitary conditions of the District for the year 1964.

It is presented in the form followed in previous years, being not only a report but a short reference book for some of the local health services.

Once again the vital statistics are satisfactory but care should be taken in their interpretation as the total in each case is very small. However, the fact that they continue to be satisfactory from year to year gives them far greater weight.

There was no outbreak of infectious disease and the absence of diphtheria and anterior poliomyelitis is particularly satisfactory.

I am grateful to you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee for the interest you always show in our work, and to my colleague, Mr. Bentham, who has carried out most of the work described in the report.

I am,

Your obedient Servant

A.R. DARLOW

Medical Officer of Health.

November, 1965.

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1. STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	1,302
Registrar General's estimate of mid-year population, (including Service Personnel)	9,520
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to the Rate Book	3,142
Rateable Value (1st April	£386,908
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,673

2. SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Kempston, which was in the past mainly a dormitory area with its inhabitants working in industries outside its boundaries, is changing its nature as more and more light industries are set up within the District. It is fast becoming a complete entity in itself.

There are few amenities which are not available within the Urban District.

3. VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	66	79	145
Illegitimate	4	1	5
Totals	70	80	150

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 home population 15.3

Adjusted Birth Rate 16.3
(The comparability factor for the District being 1.05)

As compared with:-

Average of last 5 years	16.9
Adjusted rate for Bedfordshire	21.9
Rate for England and Wales	18.4

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births .. .. Nil

As compared with:-

Average of last 5 years	12.5
Rate for Bedfordshire	13.2
Rate for England and Wales	16.3

Deaths

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths in District	21	36	57
Transferred into District	36	27	63
Transferred from District	1	3	4
Totals	58	66	124

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 home population	11.3
Adjusted Death Rate	12.3
(The comparability factor for the District being 1.04)	

As compared with:-

Average of last 5 years	11.3
Adjusted rate for Bedfordshire	9.4
Rate for England and Wales	11.3

Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Totals	1	1	2

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births ..	13.3

As compared with:-

Average of last 5 years	21.5
Rate for Bedfordshire	14.9
Rate for England and Wales	20.0

Deaths Connected with Childbirth

Maternal Mortality per 1,000 total (live and still) births	Nil

As compared with:-

Average of last 5 years	Nil
Rate for Bedfordshire	0.69
Rate for England and Wales	0.25

Cause of Death in Infants

	Males	Females	Total
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	1	1	2

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1964

Cause of Death	Total all Ages		Under 4 weeks		Four weeks & under 1 year		Ages in Years 1 -		5 -		15 -		25 -		35 -		45 -		55 -		65 -		75 and over	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	-															1		4		2			
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus		1																						1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	7												1			1	1		1		1		3
16. Diabetes	1																						1	
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	12														1			2	1	1	2	4	8
18. Coronary disease, angina	12	11													1		1	1	6	1	2		2	9
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	1																			1	1		
20. Other heart disease	6	9															1			2	1		4	7
21. Other circulary disease	-	3																		1				2
23. Pneumonia	1	5																		2			1	3
24. Bronchitis	7	1																	1		2		4	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-																			2			
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1																1						
31. Congenital malformations	1	-					1																	
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	6	1	1													1		2	2	1	1	2	2
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1	-							1															
34. All other accidents	2	3																				1	2	2
TOTALS	56	60	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	5	3	15	10	12	6	20	38

4. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AREA

PROVIDED BY THE NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

GENERAL HOSPITALS

Bedford General Hospital, South Wing, Kempston Road, Bedford.

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL

Spittlesea Isolation Hospital, Spittlesea, Nr. Luton, Beds.

CHEST CLINIC (FOR PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS)

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford.

VENERAL DISEASE CLINICS

Bedford General Hospital (South Wing).

Tuesday, 4.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. (men and women)

Friday, 2.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. " " "

St. Mary's Hospital, Luton

Monday - Friday, 9.00 a.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon

PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford.

PROVIDED BY THE BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Service provided by the Bedfordshire County Council has satisfactorily met the needs of the area. It covers the full twenty-four hours and is free of charge.

In addition to moving emergency cases, ambulance or sitting case car transport is available for carrying patients unable to travel by other means to and from hospitals and clinics when attendance is necessary for medical treatment.

Except in the case of an emergency, the request for an ambulance must be made by a Medical Practitioner or other authorised person. This should be to the nearest depot.

The Service now also covers the removal to isolation hospitals of patients suffering from infectious disease.

Depots are situated as follows:-

BEDFORD - Bedford Road, Kempston	Tel: Bedford 59335
AMPTHILL - 14 Dunstable Street	" Ampthill 3333
BIGGLESWADE - Chestnut Avenue	" Biggleswade 2295
DUNSTABLE - High Street North	" Dunstable 62761
LUTON - Leicester Road	" Luton 52600 and 51871
LEIGHTON-LINSLADE - Bassett Road, Leighton Buzzard	" Leighton Buzzard 3332

DOMICILIARY NURSING AND MIDWIFERY SERVICE

Superintendent Nursing Officer:	Miss V. Frost, Health Department Phoenix Chambers, Bedford. Tel: Bedford 68211
Midwifery only:	Miss A. Pearson, 16 Birchdale Avenue, Kempston. Tel: Kempston 3466
General Nursing only:	Miss C.B. Macdonald, Flat 6, The Grange, Kempston. Tel: Kempston 2293
" " "	Mr. A.J.A. Swanston, 8 Harewood Road, Bedford. Tel: Bedford 5293

HEALTH VISITING SERVICE

Superintendent Health Visitor:	Miss E.L. Martin, Health Department, Phoenix Chambers, Bedford. Tel: Bedford 68211
Health Visitors:	Miss M. Shutt, 36 St. Andrew's Road, Bedford.
	Miss B.A. Jones " " " "

HOME HELP SERVICE

Organiser: Mrs. V.M. van Berckelaer, Health Centre, Union Street, Bedford.
Tel: Bedford 2207

CHILD WELFARE CENTRE

Kempston Methodist Schoolroom, Foster Road, Kempston.

Fridays 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

MOTHERCRAFT

Kempston Methodist Schoolroom

Alternate Tuesday evenings

SCHOOL CLINICS

Health Centre, Union Street, Bedford.	Audiometry	As required
	Child Guidance	6 sessions weekly
	Dental (3 surgeries)	Daily
	Orthoptist	5 sessions weekly
	Speech therapy	6 " "

5. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(a) WATER SUPPLY

The North Bedfordshire Water Board is responsible for the water supply. Although the water is bacteriologically pure, it is often unpalatable as it contains the break-down of river plant life.

(b) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Apart from the following premises which are situated in the out-parts of the District, all dwelling houses are connected to the sewers.

Situation	No. of Premises	Sanitary Arrangements
Sailor's Bridge	2	Pail closets
Mill Cottage	1	" "
Kempston Mill	1	Chemical closet
Bury Cottages	4	Pail closets
Hoo Lodge	1	Cesspool
The Mill House	1	"
The Manor	1	"
Manor Cottage	1	"
The Manor Cottages	2	"
The Bury	1	"

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Phase II of the Council's sewerage scheme became operational during the year. Sewage from the pre-war Chantry Estate is now pumped to Bedford's works in addition to sewage from the Southfields Estate and part of the Croft Estate.

(c) RIVERS AND STREAMS

No complaints have been received of river or stream pollution and no action has been necessary.

(d) PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly cycle of refuse collection was maintained throughout the year with the exception of the latter part when great difficulty was experienced in recruiting replacement labour, especially drivers. Certain trade premises received a twice weekly service. All road gulleys were emptied and cleansed at quarterly intervals.

(e) SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

The following Table shows the number of inspections made for all purposes:-

Food & Drugs Act.

Grocers	24
Greengrocers	21
Butchers	15
Confectioners	21
Bakers	16
Licensed Premises	2
Cafes & Restaurants	20
Meat Inspections	390
Unsound Food	18

Housing Acts

H.A. 57	Repairs	2
" "	Ind. Unfit	227
" "	Clearance Areas	26
" "	Overcrowding	14

Public Health Acts

P.H.A.	Repairs	19
"	Drainage Obstructions	9
"	Drain Tests and Inspections	24
"	Other Nuisances	13
"	Infectious Diseases	1
"	Refuse Collection	14
"	Refuse Disposal	5
"	Pest Control	3
"	Building Byelaws	65
"	Improvement Grants	55

Sundry Acts and Regulations

Planning Acts	139
Petroleum Regulations	1
Highways	99
Sewerage	79
Sewage Disposal	3
Factories Act	55
Railways, Shops & Offices Act	3
Rent Act	3
Noise Abatement	43
Caravans	18
Parks	75
Council House Repairs	137
Street Lighting	16
Miscellaneous	55

(f) CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

No smoke control areas have been declared by the Council under the Clean Air Act, 1956.

(g) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are no privately owned or other swimming baths open to the public in the District.

(h) PETROLEUM REGULATIONS

The total number of licences in force at the end of the year was 31 in respect of petrol installations and one for carbide.

(i) RAG, FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

One premise is registered under this Act.

(j) DISINFECTIONS

No fumigations following infectious diseases have been necessary.

(k) SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964.

Two persons with premises in the District are registered as Dealers in Scrap Metal.

(l) SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the District.

6. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(i) MILK SUPPLY

Registration, inspection and control of dairy premises and milk retailers is the responsibility of the County Council, who are also responsible for formal sampling.

(ii) MEAT INSPECTION

All the meat from animals slaughtered at the Ampthill Road Abattoir is inspected by the Council's inspectors in accordance with the Regulations. The Bedford Borough Council provide a service to cover sickness and holidays etc.

The following Table summarises inspections and condemnations for the period 1st January, 1964 to 31st December, 1964.

	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number Slaughtered and inspected	1,935	16	38	2,854	4,387	1
CONDEMNATIONS						
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticercosis						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	2	4	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	545	2	2	81	1,224	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis	28.4%	12.5%	5.27%	2.91%	28.0%	-
Tuberculosis						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	131	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.052%	-	-	-	3,0%	-
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	55	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	53	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with C. Bovis	2.97%	-	-	-	-	-

DISEASE	Weight - lbs. Beef	Veal	Mutton	Pork
Tuberculosis	13	-	-	1,777
Parasites and Cysts	4,304	8	77	2,661
Actinomycosis or Actinobacillosis	163	-	-	-
Pericarditis	20	-	-	107
Abscesses	1,728	-	6	375
Pneumonia	136	2	5	479
Pleurisy	48	-	-	13
Telangiectasis	54	-	-	-
Infarcts	-	-	-	1
Atrophy	-	-	-	1
Hydronephrosis	-	-	-	3
Necrosis	29	-	-	4
Oedema and Bruising	-	-	-	138
Petechiae	-	-	-	1
Nephritis	14	-	-	1
Arthritis	-	-	-	6
Mastitis	-	-	-	5
Metritis	-	-	-	34
Congestion	6	-	-	4
Cirrhosis	6	-	-	-
Inefficient bleeding	57	-	-	-
Sapraemia	-	-	-	66
Septicaemia	-	-	-	106
TOTALS	6,578	10	88	5,782

(iii) OTHER FOODS

During the year inspections were made of the 92 food premises. All premises were inspected at least once and 36 food vans were also inspected.

The Inspections revealed many contraventions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations. These were dealt with by informal action and in the main the ready co-operation of traders resulted in considerable improvements being achieved. A great deal of advice was given on food handling practices and this had a material effect on improving overall standards.

A. NUMBER OF FOOD HANDLING PREMISES IN THE AREA

		Type of Premises	No. of Premises	Premises not complying with Regulations	Premises brought up to standard
(a)	Shops	Bakers	7	7	5
		Butchers	5	3	3
		Confectioners	11	2	2
		Grocers	25	16	14
		Greengrocers	5	1	1
		Fish & Chip	3	-	-
(b)	Vans and Stalls		36	7	5
(c)	Catering Establishments	Cafes and Restaurants	3	1	1
		Works Canteens	10	4	3
		School Canteens	4	-	-
		Outside Caterers	1	-	-
(d)	Licensed Premises		15	3	3
(e)	Dairy Depots		2	1	-

Total number of food premises - 92
Total number of food vans - 36

Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955

Ice Cream premises - 19
Cooked Meat or Sausage Manufacturers - 8

B. CONDEMNED FOODS AND DISPOSAL THEREOF

The following unsound food was surrendered voluntarily and a condemnation certificate issued.

Imported and home killed meat	631 lbs.
Tinned foods	1,078 lbs.
Frozen foods	5½ lbs.

C. UNSOUND FOOD

All complaints were investigated and tabulated as follows:-

Article of Food	Nature of Complaint	Complainant	Action Taken
Wrapped Chocolate Swiss Roll	Mouldy	Private person	Vendors prosecuted and fined £25 with £3. 3. 0d. costs.
Bottle of Lemonade	Contaminated by paraffin	Private person	Sample submitted to Public Analyst. On the evidence of his reports and the fact that the bottle showed no visual signs of contamination, a warning letter was sent to the manufacturers.
Wrapped Malt Loaf	Contaminated by bird excreta	Corby U.D.C.	Warning letter in which notice given to bakery to provide a self-closing mechanism to all doors and dispatch bay and to seal off all openings.
Frozen Fish Fingers	Offensive smell	Private person	Fish not considered to be unfit. Remaining stock at shop examined and found to be in perfect condition.
Canned raspberries in syrup	Bacterial Contamination	Bedford Borough (following analysis)	All stock withdrawn from Kempston shops and condemned.

D. SPECIAL INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH CONTAMINATED CORNED BEEF

In addition to the above complaints, investigations were made at a total of 59 food handling premises in Kempston when it became known that certain tins of corned beef might have been connected with the outbreak of typhoid at Aberdeen. A few days later further tins were suspected and investigations were again made at all the food handling premises. None of these suspected tins was found at Kempston.

On another occasion during routine sampling, it was discovered that a batch of corned beef was infected with salmonella typhimurium. This was in no way connected with the Aberdeen outbreak and for a third time all food premises were checked for contaminated cans and none was found.

7. HOUSING

(a) New Dwellings

The following Table shows the number of houses completed for occupation since the end of the second world war:-

Year	Kempston U.D.C.	By Other Authorities	By Private Enterprise	Total
1946	20	-	24	44
1947	29	6	6	41
1948	65	-	1	66
1949	26	-	15	41
1950	30	18	2	50
1951	14	7	6	27
1952	46	2	12	60
1953	20	26	38	84
1954	7(flats)	30	18	55
1955	22	16	39	77
1956	28 2(flats)	7	20	57
1957	6	-	32	38
1958	3(flats)	-	30	33
1959	14	-	35	49
1960	24	-	43	67
1961	-	-	16	16
1962	-	-	19	19
1963	-	-	36 3(flats)	39
1964	53	-	237	290
TOTALS	409	112	632	1,153

(b) Inspection of Dwelling Houses, Slum Clearance Survey

During the year an extensive survey of the District's older housing was carried out and a report prepared. After consideration of this report, the Council agreed on a five year programme to deal with eighty-five unfit houses and submitted their proposals to the Minister for his approval. They included a Clearance Area comprising thirty-eight dwellings, plus adjoining land, as well as individually unfit houses elsewhere. By the end of the year a good start had been made with the approved programme.

Houses Inspected for purpose of the Survey -

Total number of houses inspected	216
Number considered to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable expense	85
Number of sub-standard houses to be re-surveyed when present five year programme is completed	72

(c) Inspection of Dwelling Houses under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the year

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects	244
Number of dwelling houses considered to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable expense.	85
Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	124

Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notices

Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers ..	4

Action under Statutory Powers during the year

Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957-

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By owners	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..	Nil

Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which informal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied and which were subsequently remedied	Nil
Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

Proceedings under Sections 16, 17 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957 -

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil

Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	4
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	4
Number of dwelling houses where Closing Orders were in force but which have been demolished	Nil
Number of houses voluntarily demolished	7

Housing Act 1957 - Overcrowding

Two cases of statutory overcrowding were discovered during the year. They were both abated informally following warning letters to the occupiers.

Housing Acts, 1949 and 1954

One application for a discretionary Improvement Grant was received and approved. Sixteen applications for Standard Grants were received six of which did not comply with the necessary requirements and were refused. The remaining ten were approved.

The Rent Act, 1957

During the year under review, one certificate of disrepair was issued but as this house subsequently came within the Council's immediate Slum Clearance programme, the work was not proceeded with.

8. NEW BUILDINGS

Plans submitted and dealt with during the year:-

Dwelling Houses -

(a) Local Authority	(i)	Houses	Nil
	(ii)	Flats	Nil
(b) Housing Society			Nil
(c) Private Enterprise	(i)	Houses	14 (242 houses)
	(ii)	Flats	3 (31 flats)
Private Garages			64
Outbuildings			3
Extensions or alterations to existing buildings			71
Industrial and business premises			21
Other			12
Shops			5
Change of user			9
Advertisement			24
Caravans			2

9. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	Notification by Age Groups				
	0 - 5	5 - 15	Over 15	Total	Removed to Hospital
Measles	46	48	-	94	-
Whooping Cough	6	3	-	9	-
Scarlet Fever	-	4	-	4	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	2	1	3	-
Erysipelas	1	-	1	2	-
Dysentery	-	-	1	1	-

These columns depend for their accuracy on notifications received from general practitioners. Some of the diseases have now become so unimportant that there is nowhere near full notification, so that the figures given can only be taken as an indication of the trend.

Reporting of serious diseases is still complete and in this connection it will be noticed that there have been no cases of poliomyelitis of diphtheria.

10. TUBERCULOSIS

Age	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year to 5 years	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 years to 15 years	1*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 years to 35 years	1*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 years to 65 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	1+ 2*	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

NUMBER ON REGISTER AT END OF 1964

	Male	Female
Pulmonary	25	16
Non-Pulmonary	1	2

DEATH RATES PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION
(Respiratory Tuberculosis)

This District	Nil
Bedfordshire	2.3
England & Wales	4.7

11. MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The District was not visited by the mobile unit during the year.

12. IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Vaccination against anterior poliomyelitis, whooping cough and daphtheria is the responsibility of the County Council and has been carried out at infant welfare clinics and in the schools.

There were no cases of poliomyelitis during the year.

Immunisation against tuberculosis by B.C.G. is offered to school leavers and is given in the schools.

13. CLEANSING OF VERMINOUS PERSONS
Public Health Act, 1936, Sec. 85

LICE

No treatments were given under this Section.

The bulk of the cases which might call for treatment is in school children with lousy heads who are always treated informally by the school nurse.

There is an arrangement with the Borough of Bedford to treat general infestations at Barker's Lane, Bedford at a cost of 30s. per treatment for adults and 17s.6d. per treatment for children.

Modern treatment of scabies no longer necessitates cleansing under this Section.

14. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (Section 47)

No action was necessary under this Act during the year.

15. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following Table shows the work undertaken during the year ending 31st December, 1964.

	No. of properties inspected	No. of properties found to be infested	No. of Notices served under Sec. 4	No. of treatments carried out	
				By Council's Operator	Voluntarily by Occupier
Local Authority's Property	4	4	-	4	-
Dwelling Houses	45	45	-	37	8
Business Premises	18	18	-	18	-
Agricultural Property	-	-	-	-	-

In addition to these visits, the sewerage system was test baited on two occasions with wholly negative results.

A free service is provided for domestic infestations and a small charge is made for visits to business premises.

16. FACTORIES

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	Nil	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	55	55	27	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	Nil	-	-	-
TOTALS	55	55	27	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	1	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	1	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	1	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	30	24	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	10	6	-	-	-
TOTALS	41	31	3	-	-

3. OUTWORKERS

No persons are registered under this part of the Act.

17 OFFICES SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1961.

During the year the main provisions of this important new Act came into force. Many premises not previously covered by any effective legislation have been brought within its scope.

The administration of the Act is largely the responsibility of Local Authorities and although it has not been possible so far to carry out many inspections, a great deal of time will have to be devoted to this Act in the future if its objects are to succeed.